

# City of Lynchburg Police Department

## Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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## Neighborhood Watch Happenings

- **Neighborhood Watch Annual Partnership Meeting**—Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room at the Public Library on Memorial.
- **Home Security and Personal Safety Seminar**—Monday, April 15th at 6:30 PM at Chestnut Hill Baptist Church on Fort Ave.
- **FREE VIN Etching Event** — Saturday, May 4th at Oakwood Country Club from 10:00 AM - 2:00PM.
- **FREE VIN Etching Event**—Tuesday, May 28th at the Diamond Hill Recreation Center on 17th Street from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

The Lynchburg Police Department is online at:

<http://www.lynchburgva.gov/police>

[www.facebook.com/lynchburgpolice](http://www.facebook.com/lynchburgpolice)



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## New Website

Lynchburg City has unveiled a new website: Please see all the changes by visiting:  
[www.lynchburgva.gov](http://www.lynchburgva.gov) and the police section at [www.lynchburgva.gov/police-department](http://www.lynchburgva.gov/police-department)



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## Neighborhood Watch Works!

At a recent Fort Hill Neighborhood Watch Meeting we were told that due to the efforts of 2 watch members, another has a lot to be thankful for! A senior citizen had a stroke, fell, and was unable to get to a phone to call for help. 2 neighbors realizing her routine was off went to check on her and discovered her situation. Thanks to the neighbors quick thinking, emergency workers were able to get her to safety and medical care. She has made a wonderful recovery!

**GREAT JOB!**

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## Crime Prevention Unit Staff

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## Featured Neighborhood Watch Group

### Walden Pond Neighborhood Watch

Walden Pond is one of the cities newer watch groups. It covers the entire apartment complex on Weeping Willow Drive.

Concerned residents and property managers wanting to make a difference in their community started this group in an effort to reduce crime, promote safety, and enhance the community they reside in.

Property Managers also work closely with Community Policing Coordinators in the Crime Prevention Unit.

The group has made great strides in reducing noise violations, traffic concerns, and promoting the safety and wellbeing of residents within the community.

The Lynchburg Police Department looks forward to many years of cooperation and collaboration with the Walden Pond Neighborhood Watch.



Walden Pond



Apartments



Want to see your group here?  
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and accomplishments!

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**WELCOME SPRING!**

## **Spring Crime Prevention Tips**

Keep doors locked at all times. If you are working in the back yard, keep your front door and garage door closed and locked; and lock your back door when you are in the front yard. Always lock your doors when you leave, even if you only plan to be gone for a few minutes.

During the spring weather, many people open windows or sliding glass doors while they are at home. Always remember to close and lock your windows and sliding doors when you go to bed or leave the house.

Install motion-activated lights in your front and back yards, so when someone approaches your home, the lights automatically come on, illuminating that person.

Put all ladders and other tools back into a secure storage area after you use them. Ladders and other tools can be used by criminals to access your home. Always lock any storage unit or shed you have on your property.

Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person.

If a utility representative comes to your house, request identification. True representatives will carry their identification and they will gladly show it to you. Call their company for verification.

In warm weather months personal property thefts increase; there is a tendency to leave items, such as bicycles, gardening tools, lawnmowers, weed eaters, and other yard tools lying around in the open. Make sure you lock up your personal property in your garage or yard shed; it doesn't take long for someone to ride by and quickly take your property. An open garage door or yard shed can also be inviting, keep them closed even when you're at home.

Always remember to roll up your car windows, take any valuables out of your car, and lock your doors every time you exit your vehicle, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.

Being a good neighbor can be one of the best crime prevention tools. Watchful, attentive neighbors can identify activity that is not "normal" to their neighborhoods and alert the police (911 or 434-847-1602) Lynchburg Police



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